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Personal memo from
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To: CISAC-BW subcommittee

Dear colleagues:

I have confirmation from Frank Press that we are in continued existence, with our current membership.

Our agenda has obviously shifted to an enquiry about what can be done about BW proliferation: the Iraq saga continues to be played out.

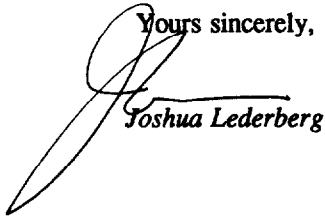
As to Russia, they are evidently starting to take questions like Sverdlosk-1979 into their own hands. My view is there is little for us to do until they have concluded their own investigations. If there is to be further bilateral discussion, it should be on the proliferation issue. Do you have any thoughts about what our own next steps should be? After some mail dialogue, perhaps (in deliberate fashion) we might have a telephone conference, and decide then on the merits and agenda for a meeting. I have told Frank not to have too high expectations about what we could expect to accomplish in the near future: but I expect to get a better fix after we have had some circulation of ideas.

At some point, we might be called to advise on matters like export controls. I continue to be deeply concerned about civil defense, and hope there can be some impetus to sustain the alertness that was evoked during the Gulf War. There is no problem about awareness on the part of the services.

Enc: "Izvestia"

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Yours sincerely,



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